



ORDERBOARD

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



President's Message

by Erik M. Meehan

Keeping it all in perspective

Over the last month, Mother Nature has decided to be a little feisty in the Northwest. It seems like the crews fixing all the power lines get done just in time to have another "Pineapple Express" come blowing through the region, and walloping the area one more time.

On the off-chance that you may not have seen the photographs, our little railroad hasn't been unscathed. We

have had a few trees that succumbed to the winds. As a result, we need to replace some additional track panels, the bench made out of a wheelset, and one picnic table, which took the brunt of two trees as they fell. (Like I said, look at the photos; they're great, but they cannot do full justice to the situation.)

Yep...more work for us to do before next April, but I think this is a

golden opportunity to keep things in perspective. Maybe we should take this opportunity to think about how fortunate we are.

The tree that came down (and caused the damage to both the picnic table and the bench) snapped above ground; the rootball stayed stationary. Had the rootball been uprooted, we probably would have to affect repairs to the steel bridge, the retaining walls

Next Meeting:
January 23, 2016,
10am
Auburn Library

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Happy December Birthdays to

Joy Slobodzian (Dec 15th),
Conrad Watne (Dec 28th)
Larry Harper (Dec 31st)

Kitsap County Parks
Advisory Board
2015 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Time – 6:00 PM

December
No Regular Meeting
Scheduled

President's Message Continued

and the track.

The tree that came down appeared to be healthy and strong, but wasn't. We have some trees that definitely need to be taken down before they come down; two of them are less than 15 feet from the Thomson Building. Fortunately, those trees have weathered the storm, because I don't think any of us wants to deal with the Thomson Building getting flattened.

Like I said...it's all about perspective.

Over the next few months, we certainly will need as much help as we can get to sort our railroad out, and make it ready for the next run season. In the meantime, I would like to wish everybody a joyous holiday season, and I hope to see you soon, at either the History Museum, or the Annual General Meeting.



Great Train Expo Puyallup 2015

By Jeff Mills

KLS Provided a great mix of member's equipment representative of the hobby. The following equipment was exhibited this year:

- Carole Moss and Ted Karanson's Tasha Li'l Lima 2-4-0 steamer
- Conrad Watne 0-4-0 Hunslet steamer
- Ken Kaivo Chehalis Valley Short Line Diesel Switcher
- Dan Simmons and Caden Powell SW1500 CP 0521 & CP 0821 calf unit and their Ferrocarril Motor car Montana Negra #311 with Caboose
- Jerry Crane Swiss Baby Crocodile RHB # 415
- Nick and Sierra Buell #1203 Switcher OPC RR (Operation Petti Coat Railroad) in Pink of course and Southern Pacific Caboose #1947
- Don Deffly brought the cut away steam engine demonstrator and the KLS Signage
- Bill Jarvis provided 2 train stands and transported 2 more for Bill Hartung
- Ken Olsen's #1728 Great Northern 4-6-2 Pacific and his riding car
- Bill Hartung's #1943 Dumas Bay and Pacific 4-6-2
- Jeff Mills' 2-4-0 steam engine

Represented were the most common methods of propulsion in the hobby; propane fired steam, gas powered-hydraulic and battery powered electric. Jerry Crane's Baby Crocodile drew attention from the G gauge enthusiasts. Sierra's locomotive was at the front of our display and attracted a lot of attention, especially from the young girls in attendance. Many young girls were noticed getting their photos taken next to the bright PINK engine.

We owe a big THANKS to these members for taking the time and effort to show their equipment and man the exhibit. We should also thank those members who did not bring equipment but showed up to help greet visitors to our display. Their participation was especially needed on Saturday because the crowd was quite large and our members enthusiastically engaged the public.

Our display looked sharp and was well received by the public and made a lasting impression on all that viewed it. There were a number of people interested in becoming KLS members who were given contact information and membership applications. KLS received a \$100.00 honorarium from the show management for our time and effort and a very important contribution to our club.



Photos taken by BillHartung

KLS Bylaws Changes

Below is to be published in the Order Board

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of KLS by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, if a written copy of the proposed amendment is sent to all voting members with the notice of the meeting. If there is no previous notice, a vote of the majority of the voting membership is needed to amend these Bylaws.

Section 2: Submitting an Amendment

Any voting member can submit an amendment, signed by at least ten (10) other voting members, to the Board of Directors at least three (3) months before the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

Such amendments shall appear in writing along with any other proposed amendments by the Board of Directors and shall be sent to all voting members with the notice of the meeting.

So as per section 2, at the October 5th meeting the board was presented by Ken Olsen with a signed list of ten members present to amend the bylaws. The amendment is to add a paragraph to clarify the voting for officers and directors using electronic means and the removal of the word "monthly" in regards to the newsletter. All wording in black is copied and will remain as worded. The amendment is in red. The board hereby submits the changes which will be voted on at the January annual meeting:

Section 2: Elections

Elections shall be held by ballots. Ballots shall be mailed to those members not having internet access and emailed to those

members having access to the internet, within ten (10) days of the close of the annual meeting. Ballots must be received by the designated KLS member prior to the next meeting. For audit purposes if by email ballot, the voting member must use the email address of record as of the end of the calendar year.

Electronic voting, via email or other internet-based means, may be used for any election or other vote, provided that the method for such is secure as to both the possibility of fraud and the protection of the identities of the voters. The Board of Directors will approve any such methodology, subject to objection from the general membership, said objection to be affirmed by majority vote at a scheduled meeting.

Section 2.5: Monthly Meetings

a. Officers and Board of Directors shall conduct meetings on a regular basis at least once per calendar. Such meetings shall be accessible to the general membership and shall provide updates on all aspects of KLS business, such as, but not limited to, committee reports, finances, activities and construction.

b. Notification of the time and place of the upcoming monthly meeting shall be published in the monthly newsletter.

Delete the word "monthly" here and other locations where this is noted in the bylaws.

If you have any questions about the amendments contact Ken Olsen, VP

Sunshine

By Carole Moss

Please encourage our members that we miss. You can send a card, email, call or drop an encouraging card. It's just nice to know someone is thinking about you! Also, please remember the caretakers, if appropriate. If you know of someone who needs encouragement, please contact Carole at membership@kitsaplivesteamers.org or 253-566-3843

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**Thanks to all of you
that have provided
me with photos or
articles for the
Order Board this
past year.
Please keep it up.**



Bulletin Board

Building and Grounds

By Tom Caparella

Barbara and Pat Rogers have been able to keep the Thomson Building cleaned and maintained. Don Rogers has been keeping the yard raked and cleared of much of the debris. It has been reported to me that in that last wind storm about ten trees were blown down. There are three or four areas on the mainline where the track needs to be repaired because of the trees. Several trees were down in the parking lot. One of the picnic tables was very severely damaged and the other one not quite a much. We need to get in touch with Bill Gates to find out what it will take to repair or replace it. Don Rogers and Tom Huffman were able to clear all those trees in the parking lot. I understand that this past Saturday Erik and another club member came to the compound to repair the concrete bench if it can be. When you have such winds with the type of trees that we have there will be many braches and other debris all over the tracks and other areas of the compound. This will take much time to clean up. It was reported as well that the heater in the bathroom is not working. We were told that the fan is only blowing out cold air. Ken Olsen said that he may have the necessary parts to fix it this coming Saturday.

Membership

By Carole Moss

KLS will provide one name tag for an Individual Membership, and two are provided with a Family Membership. Additional or replacement name tags can be ordered for \$10.00 each. Please contact Carole at withane65423@gmail.com or 253-566-3843 for replacements or additions. Please notify us if you have a change of your contact information. The Membership/Renewal application form is also downloadable from our website www.kitsaplivesteamers.org.

On The Track

By Bill Hartung

The heavy winds we've experienced in late November and early December have increased the workload to have the track ready for next year. I'm asking every member who can come to the track to devote some time to help with maintenance and preparation as we approach the start of the 2016 season.

As I mentioned in my last report, I have described to the board the need to increase the allocation of funds to complete this project. The original estimate to build this first new track extension was \$10,000, based on the cost of building track over 15 years ago. The latest cost estimate to lay our track is \$10 per foot, and our rough first measurement of the length of the extension is 2000 feet, resulting in a total cost of as much as \$20,000. Hence, at the annual meeting in January I will ask the membership to approve an increase of \$10,000. Some of the original allocation has already been spent for the rail we will use, but we still need to acquire ties, track screws, rail joiners and some miscellaneous items, plus many dump truck loads of gravel. And I plan to hire a professional dozer to do the initial grading of the new right-of-way. A pro can do for us in one day what we would spend weeks on if we did it ourselves, even using the tractor.

Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions about the track in the park.

**Saturday January 23rd was
a scheduled work day,
but that is the date for the
AGM. So the work day
has been rescheduled for
Saturday January 30th.**

November Station

By Barbara Lanchester

On the 10th of October, it rained so hard all day, and winds were blustering up to 45 mph. Therefore, we were forced to not open and run the trains. When the rain is that severe, it is difficult for the trains to get traction going up hill.

On October 24th, the weather was much better, just cold and little bits of rain. We did 690 riders.

Our riders are ever so faithful. Some of them even commented that they had come out on the 10th, and were surprised we were not running. They said they understood why, but figured we might be there anyway.

Thank you to all of our faithful riders. A great big thank you to those of you that have helped at the depot. Whether it be loading trains, speaking the rules and regulations, manning the exit gate, or doing depot sales; working as an engineer, a conductor, or a superintendent. Also thank you to those who do the tours, and teach the running of the trains from our posters. Your help is greatly appreciated and we would not be able to do it without you!

December Station

By Barbara Lanchester

The station is quiet right now. The run season has ended and there are no long lines waiting for a ride.

The station has been through a lot of wind and rain this last month. Therefore, there are lost of leaves on the roof of the station, and lots of leaves and branches in the flower beds. We are very fortunate that no damage has been done at the station, even though several trees have come down.

We are looking forward to run season 2016, and are working to figure out how to make the season even better than 2015. Hope each and every one of you will find time to come to the station and participate. We need the assistance of each and every one of you.

Annual Model Train Festival at the Washington State History Museum

The Washington State History Museum Train Show is fast coming up on us. Volunteers are needed to man our display on the following days:

Tuesday December 22nd,

Wednesday December 23rd,

Saturday December 26th,

Sunday December 27th,

Monday December 28th,

Tuesday December 29th

Wednesday December 30th,

Friday December 31st,

The hours of the show are between 10 am and 5 pm. Just proceed to the front desk to sign in and get a parking pass for your car. The parking pass will be good for the entire show, so keep it in you vehicle.

We also are short of engines and equipment for the display. We have some extra stands available, so if you do not have a display stand and this is keeping you from showing your engine, just let me know.

Please respond with the dates that you can help at the museum as noted above,

Ken Olsen

206-718-9401

**Saturday January 23rd 2016 is the
date of the AGM. Work day has
been rescheduled for Saturday
January 30rd.**

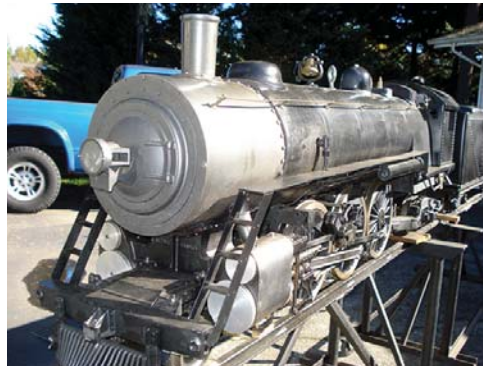
**February Board Meeting has been
moved to February 8th.**

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For Sale: Custom Vinyl Lettering

Have you been looking for that special custom railroad font or other specialty work for your engine or cars? Well we have it in white, black, gold colors. Additional colors might be available. Contact Dennis Weaver (360) 871-6414

For Sale: Bob's Two Trains 7 ½ inch gauge, 1 ½ inch per foot.



Pacific 4-6-2 Locomotive complete and running with prints. Passed all tests for 10 years. Steel boiler and tubes.



Mountain 4-8-4 Locomotive chassis. All wheels turned and mounted on frame. Some rods completed.

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Craftsman Lathe Model 101.28970, approximately 1962. 12 by 36 inches in excellent condition. Thread cutting and many tools.



Jet Mill Drill Model JMD-15 plus tooling. Jet Band Saw/Cut off Saw. Lots of nuts, bolts and stuff for trains. Engine Hoist

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**Any offer will be
considered.**

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Printable Roster

A complete printable Membership Roster is now available. From the Home Page follow the green menu strip to Membership Directory. Two options are available; the first is a quick search providing phone number and if the member has email, a link. The second option will provide a comprehensive roster including member's mailing address, phone and email. Click on the first line, titled "KLS Membership Roster (date)," and it will automatically load. This can be printed for your future reference, however, you will need a pdf program such as Adobe.

If you would like to have a printed copy sent to you, or there is an error in a listing, please let me know, 253-566-3843 or withane65423@gmail.com.



**AGM
Saturday
January
23rd at the
Auburn
Library**

Kitsap Live Steamers
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Kitsap Live Steamers Calendar

December	21-Jan 1	Model Train Festival - Washington State Museum
January	9	Work Day in the Park
	23	AGM - Auburn Library - 1102 Auburn Way S. Auburn 10 - 2pm
	30	Work Day in the Park
February	8	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	13	Work Day in the Park
	27	Work Day in the Park
March	7	Board Meeting - Poodle Dog 7pm
	12	Work Day in the Park
	26	Work Day in the Park